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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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My dear Mr. Dulles

We have recently received information from a source who claims to have a personal association with Paul Rea, Cuban Foreign Minister, and to have had an official position in the Castro regime in Cuba until recently. Our contacts with this source have been limited but we are checking on his validity and on the possibility of continued contact with him.

According to this source, Rea has stated that while in the United States subsequent to the elections here, Rea was visited in New York City by Mr. Chester Bowles, now Under Secretary of State, or a person representing Mr. Bowles. The official opinion of Rea was sought as to what reaction could be expected from Fidel Castro and the Cuban Government if President Kennedy were to make a statement indicating the United States would be willing to negotiate differences with Cuba. It was suggested to Rea the United States would want to re-establish diplomatic relations, negotiate a commercial treaty, negotiate payment or recognition of debt relative to confiscation of American properties in Cuba and, in turn, would expect Cuba to stop its anti-United States propaganda campaign in Latin America. Rea said Fidel Castro found these unofficial overtures unacceptable.

Rea also reportedly stated that in late December, 1960, the Soviet Intelligence Service had told Rea the United States planned to attack Cuba and change the Cuban Government prior to January 20, 1961, in order that President Eisenhower would not have to leave this problem to President Kennedy for solution. Rea said the Soviets claimed this information came from a Soviet contact in the Central Intelligence Agency.

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